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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re A	Application of:)	
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Applic	cation No.: 10/566,173	;	
Filed:	January 27, 2006	:)	
For:	INK CONTAINER, INK JET PRINTING HEAD, AND INK JET PRINTING	;) ;	
	APPARATUS	;	May 8, 2006

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each non-U.S. patent document so listed is enclosed. Copies of U.S. patent documents are not enclosed, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a) as revised September, 2004 and pursuant to the waiver published at 1287 OG 163 (October, 2004).

Japan 6-8463 Japan 7-81091 PCT WO 2004/096559 Europe 1,057,464 Europe 1,375,155

Japan 6-8463 was discussed in the specification and might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given there.

The remaining documents were cited during prosecution of a PCT application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of the International Search Report was filed concurrently with the filing of the subject application.

English language abstracts for of the Japanese references cited above have been located and are enclosed. In addition, it is believed that U.S. Patent 5,523,780 is an English language counterpart to Japan 6-8463; that U.S. patent is also listed on the attached form PTO-1449.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialling the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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